THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The State Electricity Boards have been advised to draw up "Action Plans" to improve their operations and financial performance with a view to achieve the prescribed 3 per cent surplus as per requirements contained in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(c) No, Sir.

Manufacture of Polyester filament yarn by M/s. Reliance Industries Limited

1530. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original date of Reliance Industries Limited for manufacture of polyester filament yarn and what were subsequent amendments;

(b) what was the licensed capacities for production originally given to Reliance Industry and what was the enhancement under the endorsement scheme;

(c) what are the details regarding the change of the location, production capacity and the base denierage for which Reliance have asked in their amended industrial licence application; and

(d) what is RIL's production of Polyester Filament Yarn during the last three years till 31st March, 1987 together with the approved licensed capacities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) On 17th August, 1981 M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. were issued an industrial licence for manufacture of Polyester Filament Yarn for a capacity of 10,000 tonnes/annum. Under the re-endorsement scheme the capacity was enhanced to 25,125 tonnes/annum on 15th November, 1984.

(c) M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. initially applied for location in Gujarat. Subsequently they applied for location at Maharashtra. The base denierage for which amended application was made is 40.

(d) The production of Polyester Filament Yarn during the last three years as reported by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. was as follows:

	Tonnes (Approx.)
1984-85	20,400
1985-86	24,200
1986-87	30,400

Compensation to the Bhopal Gas Tragedy victims

1531. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dependents of the deceased in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy have not been paid the compensation as yet; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have filed a suit against Union Carbide Corporation claiming compensation for the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy. The proceedings of the case are in progress and the case is being pursued vigorously.

Taking site on lease by Indian Oil Corporation

1532. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporaion has taken a site on lease near Railway Station, Bidar (Karnataka) and the same has been subleased to one Indian